



Prevent Child Abuse Delaware and its partners are spearheading the *Stewards of Children™* project. This project represents the joint venture of many groups working throughout the state to create safer communities for our children. The goal of this project is to reach the “tipping point”, as described in the work of Malcolm Gladwell, by educating approximately 35,000 adults by 2015 so that they have the tools and knowledge they need to keep children safe.

What is *Stewards of Children*?

Stewards of Children is a prevention training program that teaches adults how to prevent, recognize and react responsibly to child sexual abuse. The program is designed for organizations that serve youth and for individuals concerned about the safety of children. It is the only nationally distributed, evidence-based program proven to increase knowledge, improve attitudes, and change child protective behaviors. Research findings from independent evaluators are available on www.D2L.org.

What are the outcomes of the program?

- Increased awareness of the prevalence, consequences, and circumstances of child sexual abuse.
- New skills for adults to prevent, recognize, and react responsibly to child sexual abuse.
- Positive change to organizational policies and procedures.
- Individual commitment to action through a personal prevention plan.

What are the distinctive features of the program?

- A three-part DVD presentation integrating commentary from sexual abuse survivors, experts in the field and other concerned adults all providing practical guidance for preventing and responding to sexual abuse.
- An interactive workbook designed to facilitate discussion, reinforce key concepts, and serve as a resource guide and personal action plan for resolving child sexual abuse.
- A Facilitator-led discussion about important issues in sexual abuse prevention and the relevance of these issues within the community and organizations that serve children.

Who uses the program?

Stewards of Children is for anyone who wants to make a difference in their community by educating adults about the protection of children. It is also used by organizations, businesses, and corporations who:

- Seek training for staff and volunteers in the prevention of child sexual abuse.
- Look to enhance their child protection policies and procedures or respond to insurance requirements.
- Want to lead a community-based initiative and offer prevention training to the community.

How is the program delivered?

Stewards of Children is a 3 hour training program led by an Authorized Facilitator who has been trained by Darkness to Light.

Are CEU's Available?

Contact hours for continuing education are available for National Association of Social Workers, the National Board of Certified Counselors, nurses and is approved as a Delaware Institute for Excellence in Early Childhood level 2 training.

How can I bring *Stewards of Children* to my community?

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